

REMARKS

In the April 26, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-14 are pending in this application; rejected claims 11 and 13 under 35 USC §§ 102(b) and 102(e); and rejected claims 1-10, 12 and 14 under 35 USC § 103(a). In rejecting the claims, U.S. Patent 5,218,607 to Saito et al.; 5,453,805 to Itoh; 6,119,611 to Tomita (References A, B and F in the April 26, 2004 Office Action); and 6,137,534 to Anderson (Reference A in the May 19 and December 10, 2003 Office Actions) were cited. Claim 6 has been cancelled and claims 1-5 and 7-14 remain in the case. Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Newly Cited Prior Art**U.S. Patent 5,218,607 to Saito et al.**

The Saito et al. patent is directed to the restore function of a computer operable on an internal battery, such as a notebook personal computer. When the power supplied by the battery becomes low, "system data indicating a status of data processing having been executed by the data processor" (column 1, lines 60-62) is stored.

U.S. Patent 5,453,805 to Itoh

The Itoh patent is directed to a data recording apparatus for a camera that includes a microcomputer and an EEPROM which stores data on each picture taken for display on a display unit of the camera. "The photographic data stored in the EEPROM is written in a first magnetic track on the film ... at the time of the rewinding the film" (Abstract, lines 7-10), so that film can be removed from the camera and then reloaded, at which time the film is advanced and the data written in the magnetic track on the film is read by the microcomputer and stored in the EEPROM.

U.S. Patent 6,119,611 to Tomita

The Tomita patent is directed to a sewing machine having a flash memory 25 (Fig. 2) floppy disk drive 29 and a liquid crystal display 10. The flash memory "stores information on what language specification has been currently set, ... text data written in the language, font data used for the language and image data for the language as shown in Fig. 4. The text data is displayed on the LCD associated with patterns the sewing machine can produce and other operations it can perform.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102

In items 3, 4 and 6 on pages 2-4 of the Office Action, claims 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §§ 102(b) and 102(e) as anticipated by Saito et al.; Itoh; and Tomita. Claims 11 and 13 have been amended to incorporate limitations similar to those previously recited in claim 6. Therefore, these rejections are moot.

Rejections under 35 USC § 103

In item 8 on pages 4-6 of the Office Action, claims 1-10, 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Anderson in view of Saito et al. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite limitations similar to those previously recited in claim 6. Therefore, only the rejection of claim 6 will be addressed below.

In the first paragraph on page 6 of the Office Action, it was asserted that column 12, lines 2-6 of Anderson teaches not writing display information if the display information has been stored in a non-volatile storage unit. The cited portion of Anderson describes an embodiment where "once a user leaves instant review mode through the software command, the last image may not be recalled onto the screen by switching back to instant review mode" (column 12, lines 4-6).

It is not understood why the Examiner believed that the above-quoted portion of Anderson was relevant to the limitations recited in claim 6. As now recited in claims 1, 11, 13 and 14, the display information writing unit writes display information "if the display information is not already stored in the non-volatile storage unit" (e.g., claim 1, last two lines). If the embodiment discussed at the top of column 12 in Anderson performed the operation recited that the end of claim 1, the last image would be able to be recalled, because the information associated with the last image would be stored.

The present invention provides the benefit of reducing the operations performed to save display data. Nothing has been cited or found in the prior art that provides this benefit in combination with the other limitations recited in the claims. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-14 patentably distinguish over the prior art.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the references cited by the Examiner taken individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the features of the present claimed invention. Thus, it is

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submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-14 are in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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